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end-capped imides as opposed to low molecular weight polyimide oligomers; the Bilow et al patent teaches end-capped backbone structures of only one unit wherein an entire sample contains only molecules of the same length and molecular weight. Bilow et al teach the use of end-cap groups that will not survive melt condensation polymerization conditions. Finally, Bilow et al teach materials that are neither liquid crystalline nor have melt viscosities in the range of approximately 1 to approximately 250 poise at a shear rate of 100 radials/second.---

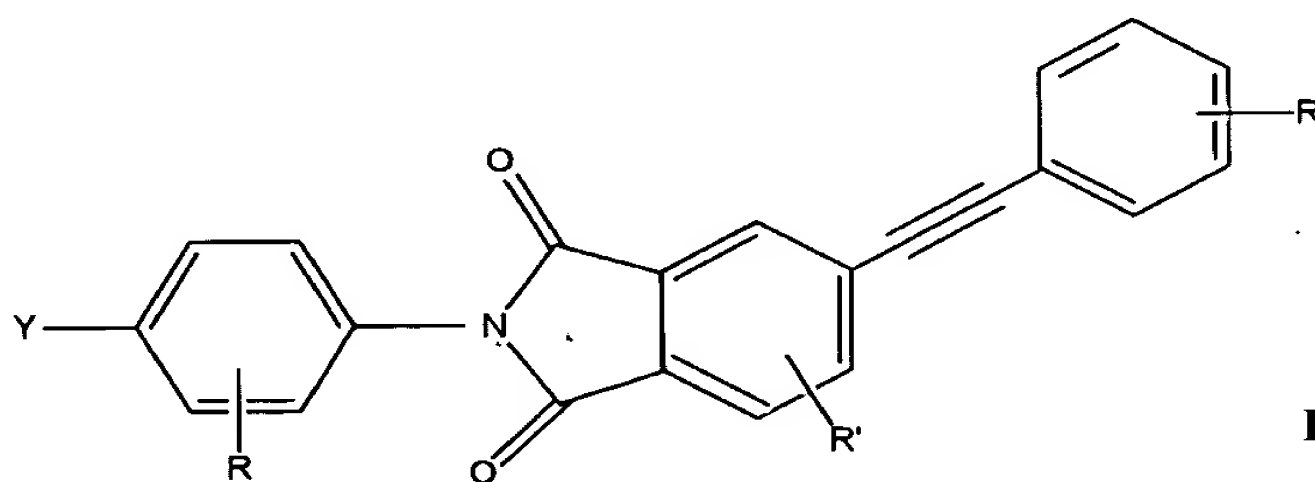
Please replace the ~~paragraph~~ beginning at page 4, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Reinhardt et al teach, in U.S. Pat. No. 4,513,131, phenylacetylene end-capped low molecular weight pure aryl-ethers as opposed to the polyester, poly(ester-amide), and poly(ester-imide) oligomers. Reinhardt et al teach materials that are not liquid crystals. Reinhardt et al teach pure low molecular weight polymer samples as opposed to the oligomeric mixtures.

Page 6, ~~line~~ 17, please delete the general formula and replace with:

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Page 6, line 24, please delete the general formula and replace with: